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# Getting Creative in Los Angeles

## Condemned To Be Modern

Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA, a far-reaching and ambitious exploration of Latin American and Latino art in dialogue in Los Angeles, kicked off this month with [rave reviews](#). DCA's Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery opened an exciting exhibition, ***Condemned To Be Modern***, as part of the initiative. In this KCRW interview, curator Clara Kim (second from right) discusses the exhibition's intent – the fate of modern architecture in Latin America and the lessons to be learned.

[Listen to the Interview](#)

## 50 Years of Art in the Community

For 50 years, DCA's Barnsdall Junior Arts Center (JAC) at Barnsdall Park has provided arts programming for young people aged 4 to 17. The JAC serves 1,200 students annually, creating an atmosphere where students can develop fully as creative individuals. The "[History Continues Through You](#)" exhibition celebrates JAC's 50th anniversary, and is an incredible collection of historical artifacts and student artwork that showcases the rich impact of the arts in the community. On view at the [Barnsdall Junior Arts Center Gallery](#) through the end of October.

## A Woman's Place...

DCA's [William Grant Still Arts Center](#) is proud to present "[\*\*\*A Woman's Place...\*\*\*](#)" an exhibition that brings together the life, work, stories, and archives of five legendary women of color: Angela Davis, Ericka Huggins, Yuri Kochiyama, Elizabeth "Betita" Martinez, and Jewel Thais-Williams. Join us for the opening reception this Saturday, September 23, from 3 to 6 p.m.

## Arts Festival in Van Nuys

Councilmember [Nury Martinez](#) and DCA are excited to bring the first-ever arts festival to Van Nuys on Friday, September 29, from 6 to 10 p.m. Featuring local artists, live music, and a classic car show as a nod to the historic Van Nuys Boulevard scene, plus family activities and food trucks, this event highlights the best of the San Fernando Valley! [#VNAF2017](#)

## Drum and Jazz at Watts Towers

Don't miss the [36th Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum Festival and the 41st Annual Watts Towers Jazz Festivals](#) at DCA's historic Watts Towers Art Center Campus on Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1. Enjoy live music, singing, dancing, storytelling, and more. The free festivals run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days. Free valet parking is available. Join us on a musical journey around the world!

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